

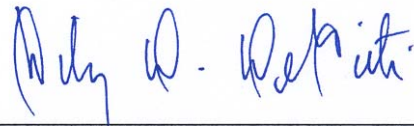
**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

CHIEFTAIN ROYALTY COMPANY,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
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v.	)	Case No. CIV-11-177-D
	)	
SM ENERGY COMPANY, et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING RELEASE OF FUTURE LITIGATION EXPENSES**

Upon review of Class Representative and Class Counsel's Application for Order Directing Release of Future Litigation Expenses [Doc. No. 255], the Court finds the expenditures at issue were reasonable and necessary and the application should be **GRANTED**. The amount of **\$14,484.51** shall be released from the Net Settlement Fund held in the Escrow Account to Class Counsel as reimbursement of reasonable and necessary litigation expenses incurred to date.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017.



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TIMOTHY D. DEGIUSTI  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE